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11. (C) Embassy Iran Watcher delivered reftel nonpaper to MFA America's Desk Officers Elchin Bashirov and Tamerlan Vahabov on April 5. Bashirov and Vahabov thanked us for informing them about the new designation and promised to investigate whether the GOAJ had any dealings with Iran's Defense Industries Organization (DIO). Vahabov also assured us that he would pass the nonpaper to the Azerbaijani Ministry of Defense in case they had any dealings with Iran's DIO. DERSE